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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the action mailed September 3, 2002, Applicants elect the invention of Group I (claims 1-5 and 11). The election is made without traverse. A petition for two-month extension of time with required fee is being filed herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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